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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS  
Jefferson City, MO  
March 25, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ruby Mehrer, RN  
Lynthia Andrews, DO  
Mark Alexander, EMT-P  
Vicki Groce, EMT-P  
Randall Sammons, EMT-P  
Sam Schneider, EMT-P  
David Tan, MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Randy Davis, EMT-P  
Ben Chlapek, EMT-P  
Judith Landvatter, RN  
Joan Eberhardt, RN  
Wally Patrick, RN

**GUESTS**

Jimm Murray	Amy Knoernschild	Wayne Sanders
Susan Crum	Sue Hall	Sandra Woods
Jay Faulkner	Doug Randell	Monroe Yancie
Ken Koch	DJ Satterfield	Ken Smith
William Stephens	Sharon Smith	Paul Guptill
Cary Spieger	Dixie Blatt	Carola Pikey
Mike Kinelle	Samar Muzaffar	Greg Light
Bob Patterson	Tony Mitchell	Eric Miles
Heather Seemann	James Dean	Jerry Kirchhoff
Jason White		

**DHSS STAFF PRESENT**

Bill Jermyn, DHSS EMS Medical Director  
Greg Natsch, Unit of EMS  
Jody Hyman, Unit of EMS  
Bob Minter, Unit of EMS  
Terry Ellsworth, Unit of EMS  
Kelly Jenkins, Unit of EMS  
Shirley Gastler, Unit of EMS  
Paula Adkison, Unit of EMS  
Jennifer Evans, Unit of EMS  
Karen Connell, DHSS

**Call to Order**

Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 1100.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February meeting were approved with motion by Dr. Andrews, and seconded by Ruby Mehrer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **Legislative – Mark Alexander**

Met before the SAC meeting. Mentioned that the Legislature is in session. Subcommittee discussed several House Bills and Senate Bills, these were presented to SAC for support, they include:

Senate Bill 1790 – Stroke/Stemi – doing very well on both sides.

Senate Bill 978 – Recall of Ambulance Board Members-sponsor Sen. John Griesheimer

Senate Bill 915/House Bill 1454 – Peer Review-waiting debates in the Senate.

Senate Bill 1044 – Modifies provisions regarding minimum ambulance staffing for ambulances staffed with volunteers.

House Bill 1452 – Fire & Ambulance District Members – Allows employees of one district to serve as a board member of another district.

House Bill 1449 – Sale of Emergency Vehicles-sponsor Rep. Jeff Roorda

House Bill 2346 – Federal Reimbursement Allowance for Ground Ambulance Services.

House Bill 1609 – Emergency Triage Guidelines for Care-will probably not pass this year.

Discussion on the draft of the Out of Hospital DNR. Changes were made to 19 CSR 30-40.303 involving the Scope of Practice. The first reading was today second reading will be in April with motion made by Mark Alexander and seconded by Vicki Groce. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Air Ambulance – Ruby Mehrer**

Met before the SAC meeting. The air ambulance committee continues to evaluate the program WeatherTurnDown.com as a statewide way to notify if a flight has been turned down due to weather. They are also working on a joint project to develop landing zone training including multiple aircraft responses to multi casualty incidents. At this meeting the group discussed communications options that are already in place. On April 12, 2008, there will be an all day training class in Warrensburg, MO on how to load/unload patients, how to land an air ambulance, extrication if there is a hard landing, and multi craft communications. Subcommittee plans to present all the findings from at the Combine Clinical Conference. The next meeting will be a telephone conference call in April.

### **Trauma –**

No trauma meeting this month. The next trauma meeting will be at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in April.

### **Education – Doug Randall**

At this meeting, the subcommittee discussed the resolution passed by the National Registry that paramedic applicants after December 2012 must have passed a paramedic class provided by a nationally accredited training entity. The subcommittee will be at the ICE/Spring break Conference at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in April visiting some of the classes to gather information and bring back that information to discuss at the next meeting in May. In February, 60 applicants were on at IHM to take the Paramedic exam. There was an increase in the pass rate due to the test the same day retest. The committee will be working with Ruby Mehrer on CEUs for flight paramedics.

### **Communication Committee – Vicki Groce**

No meeting since the last SAC. Subcommittee plans to meet in April at the ICE Conference.

### **Time Critical Diagnosis Task Force – Dr. Bill Jermyn**

The fifth and final meeting of the Time Critical Diagnosis Task Force was March 18, 2008. There was good conversations and discussions with Stroke and STEMI doctors regarding how to avoid diversions. The task force will be collating the information they will present it to the Task Force members for review and then present it to Director Jane Drummond. There will be a presentation on Evidence Based Medicine at the Combined Clinical Conference.

### **Quality Assurance – Dr. Tan**

No meeting since last SAC. Met in January and discussed communications and feedback between hospitals and EMS personnel. This subcommittee is possibly doing duplicate work that the Time Critical Task Force has done. There will be a meeting after the SAC today.

## **REGIONS**

### **Northwest Region – Vicki Groce**

No meeting

### **Central Region – Carol Neirling**

No meeting. We are working on an official list of members. The next meeting will be in April.

### **East Central Region- Ken Koch**

Met on February 28, 2008. We are still working on our goal for 2008, and are working on identifying a specific liaison with hospitals and EMS Units. Our next meeting will be March 28, 2008.

### **Region A – Dr. Harry Wilkins**

Met February 4, 2008. Discussed membership and Missouri Telehealth Network. We will be working with Dr. Jermyn on a statewide reassessment of EMS. We are also working with Paula Adkison on membership in the Region A area. The next meeting will be April 7, 2008 at Centerpoint.

### **Southeast Region – Terry Ellsworth**

There was a meeting on March 21, 2008 at Poplar Bluff. The subcommittee is still in the process of getting organized. The next meeting will be April 28, 2008 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

### **Southwest Region- Bob Patterson**

Met on March 14, 2008. Next meeting will be May 2, 2008 at Air Evac Headquarters.

### **Old Business**

EMS Memorial - Ruby mentioned that the Washington, DC board was to have a meeting on April 4, 2008 to make their final decision.

EMS Day at the Capital - Mark stated how it was a successful day, but the Southwest Region was not well represented due to bad weather.

### **New Business**

EMS Week – will be May 18 – 24, 2008.

Meeting times – Dr. Andrews brought up the topic of spacing out the subcommittee meetings out, so that other members or guests have a chance to go to more than one subcommittee meeting. Dr. Andrews even mentioned moving the SAC back to later in the day to accommodate this. Many

subcommittees that have their meetings after the SAC do not have a good attendance. Dr. Andrews would like to have a Subcommittee Chair meeting in May to discuss this.

Dr. Andrews presented Randall Sammons with a retirement plaque, as he will be retiring and resigning his position on the SAC.

The next meeting will be April 22, 2008 at The Lodge of the Four Seasons at 4:30 PM in the Granada Room.

### **Adjourn**

Dr. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 1210.

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Lynthia Andrews SAC Chair

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Date